

10 January 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Mr. Jaspar Baker,
United Fruit Representative in Washington

1. Mr. Jaspar Baker, representing United Fruit in Washington, called at 0915 on 10 January to give information on the United Fruit installation at Puerto Armuelles, Panama.

2. Mr. Baker said that his people there had been expecting trouble for sometime. In what appeared to be an organized fashion with word having been given them from Panama City, last night a mob of approximately 1500 people milled through the town screaming "Yankee go Home" and destroying some property. United Fruit was loading a ship and the stevedores were prevented from continuing. Therefore, United Fruit moved the ship out from shore where it would be safe. Things are pretty much out of hand and United Fruit is unable to land a plane at the landing field. They had considered sending a train down from the Costa Rican border to evacuate Americans but had decided against this for the time being because it might be inflammatory.

3. United Fruit considers this all part of an organized plan on the part of the opposition and is greatly concerned about it.



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